smgham proceedeth from quietness at home, and the Queen's slowness in bestowing places of importance , the great ones about her would each have his friend The Earl of Essex labours for Mr Davidson's restitution, the Lord Treasurer for his son, Robert Cecil, and is like to prevail, and the Chancellor concurs, but either there is secret opposition or else the Queen is unwilling The Lord Treasurer meanwhile executeth the office, as almost all other places of the realm, to the discontent of many

There is a jar between the Lord Treasurer and the Archbishop of Canterbury because the Treasurer said the Spiritual Courts would fall into the *fraemunire* for taking oaths of men against law The Archbishop answered stoutly, as if the other affected patronage of the Puritans The Treasurer was sick for a few days upon it

The Earl of Essex and Sir Walter Ralegh are still rivals, but the Earl of Essex is like enough, if he have a few more years, to carry Leicester's credit and sway

-zznd March TOWN GOSSIP

It is said that the Attorney and Solicitor General are busied with proofs against Sir John Perrot, the same who was Lord Deputy in Ireland in '88, and now a prisoner in the Tower There is much diversity of opinion about him, according as men incline to the Chancellor or the Lord Treasurer, who was said to be sick when Perrot was committed to the Tower and has not since left his chamber

The Vice-Chamberlain and the Earl of Essex (whose sister is married to Sir Thomas Perrot) favour him , but the Chancellor has a great dependence, and, if his proofs be as evident as his accusations odious, they will weigh all down He is said to have

dealt with the King of Spain to be received into the Church of Rome, and to have practised with the Northern Lords of Scotland ; but all the proofs rest on one priest, and he defamed

Advantages are now being taken from his insolent government in Ireland and his irreverent speeches against the Queen, which now come to light, as is usual when men are called in question, and being better proved, make the rest more probable

The Earl of Cumberland is expected daily to depart with his fleet, but is detained by the lack of money, as the most part of